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Appl. No.: 09/917,775  
Amendment dated December 23, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of September 29, 2003

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re the Application of:

**Hisato OYAMATSU**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003, please amend the instant application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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